

THE SERMON

LET US WALK THROUGH THE DOOR

Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* (Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 708 Verse One

We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Dedication

Congregational Hymns

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Christ's Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

*April Twelfth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Twenty
Easter Sunday*

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP! You are special, because God brought you here today. Together we celebrate and rejoice in God's blessings in our lives!

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Jeremiah 1:1-6; Colossians 3:1-4; Acts 10:34-43

(Congregants are encouraged to read and reflect upon these passages as they prepare for worship.)

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE PASSING OF PEACE

THE GATHERING Hymn 166 (Verse One)

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Minister: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Congregants: The Lord is risen indeed!

Minister: This is the good news by which we are saved.

Congregants: The crucified one is risen from the dead.

Minister: Christ is risen indeed! Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (Unison)

**Brightness of God's glory and exact image of God's person,
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison,
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,
help us to share your immortality in the Spirit.**

**Let no shadow of the grave terrify us,
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.
Reveal yourself to us this Easter and all our days,**

**as the first and the last, the Living One,
our immortal Savior and Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.
Let us confess our brokenness, and seek forgiveness.

* CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
You shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we still remain captive
to doubt and fear, greed and selfishness,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
the outcast and the refugee, the sick and lost,
and pass by those who mourn.
We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to the world's need for peace.
We abuse the earth that You have made,
and ignore the weak and hurting.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust in Your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.
In his name we pray. Amen.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from Acts 2:17, 21)

Hear the good news of God's promise:
I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved!
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 98

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.
His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory ² The Lord has made known his
victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.³ He has remembered his
steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.⁴ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song
and sing praises.
⁵ Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. ⁶ With trumpets
and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all
that fills it; the world and those who live in it. ⁸ Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy ⁹ at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Matthew 27:62 - 28:10

⁶² The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered
before Pilate ⁶³ and said, 'Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, "After
three days I will rise again." ⁶⁴ Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third
day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, "He has been raised
from the dead", and the last deception would be worse than the first.' ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, 'You
have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.' ⁶⁶ So they went with the guard and
made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

¹ After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord,
descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like
lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead
men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus
who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where
he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is
going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' ⁸ So they left
the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them
and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then
Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see
me.'

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*Indicates the People Standing

If standing is difficult, please remain seated. Larger print bulletins are available.

Thought For The Week: *The Lord God put the man in the Garden of Eden to care for it and work it. Genesis 2:15*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING WORSHIP HAS BEEN CANCELLED for next Sunday, April 19, due to the pandemic. Please be in prayer that we can soon return worshipping together!

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, All jails and prisons are on lockdown. Kairos activity's have been canceled state wide until further notice. Marie Haines

THE ANNUAL YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT has been postponed until a later date.

Northminster is proud to announce we have joined the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**. To participate simply go to the kroger.com website. Once logged into your **Kroger account**, you can search for **Northminster Presbyterian Church** either by name or code **PL601** and then click **Enroll**. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a *Rewards Card*. **REMEMBER**, purchases will not count for the church until after you register your *Rewards Card*. You must swipe your registered Kroger *Rewards Card* or use the phone number that is related to your registered Kroger *Rewards Card* when shopping for each purchase to count. If a you do not yet have a Kroger *Rewards Card*, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger. Contact Chuck Lockard if you have any questions. Thanks for supporting our work at Northminster!

ACOLYTES AND LITURGISTS are being scheduled for 2020. If you (or your children) are interested in serving in worship services, please let the Minister know.

The new 2020 sign up sheets for ushering and communion servers are now on the bulletin board outside the church office. PLEASE SIGN UP. Anyone can help with ushering. Communion servers should be elders, active or inactive. Any questions should be directed to Judy Ferrell.

THE MINISTER'S ADULT BIBLE STUDY is offered each Sunday at 10:00, prior to worship, and is open to everyone seeking to learn more of God's teachings. Come join us each week (and bring your Bible!).

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If you or someone you know should be included in the list of those needing special prayer, please contact the Minister. If prayers have been answered and we can celebrate God's goodness by removing your name from the list, let the Minister know.

Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

Members

Frances Bowling	Bobby Brammer	Charlotte Cooley
Michael Hambrick	Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle
Barbara Jones	Bob Lancaster	Don Myers
Floyd Moretz	Ann Pace	Mac Pace
Gladys Presson	Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith
Frances Stevens	Jo Ann Threlkeld	Paige Wheeler
Olive Whisler	Ray Williams	

*THE SESSION *

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Elders: Bob Bielawski, Frankie Bielawski, Jeff Echols, Judy Ferrell, Vee Hayes, Lynn Kirby, Chuck Lockard, Sherry Moses, Bob Newman, Jeremy Newman, Betsy Robison, Dave Snider, Ray Williams, Gayle Wise

